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Draft Amendments to EAEU Pest List Notified to WTO

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Report Highlights:

On June 6, 2018, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the Unified EAEU List of Quarantine Pests via G/SPS/N/RUS/150. Russia initiated the change in order to add dwarf bunt of wheat to the Unified EAEU Pest List and meet the requirements of its wheat importers. The public comment period for the draft will close on August 5, 2018. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by July 23, 2018.

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia [Eurasian Economic Union](#) (EAEU), published the following draft document on its website:

- [On Amending Unified List of Quarantine Pests of the Eurasian Economic Union](#)

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The key amendment proposed by the document is adding dwarf bunt of wheat (*Tilletia controversa* Kuhn) to the Unified EAEU List of Quarantine Pests. Russia initiated the change because key importers of Russian wheat require that imported grain should be free from the pest. The draft measure also contains a number of editorial amendments. Please find below an unofficial English translation of the proposed measure.

BEGIN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

ATTACHMENT
to Decision of the Council of the
Eurasian Economic Commission
dated _____20__, No.____

**AMENDMENTS
to the Unified List of Quarantine Pests
of the Eurasian Economic Union**

1. In item “*Tuta Absoluta* (Povolny)” the word (Povolny) shall be replaced with the word “(Meyrick).”

2. After the item “*Xylophilus ampelinus* (Panagopoulos) Willems et al.” the following item shall be deleted:

“*Ralstonia solanacearum* Brown rot of potato.”
(Smith) Yabuuchi et al.

3. In item “*Carposina niponensis* Wlsingham” the words “*niponensis* Wlsingham” shall be replaced with the words “*sasakii* Matsumura.”

4. After item “*Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilbersky) Percival” the following item shall be added:

“*Tilletia controversa* Kuhn. Dwarf bunt of wheat.”

END UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION.